

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Appln. No. 09/826,308
Attorney Docket No.: Q63977

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed after entry of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on May 30, 2006, which has been forced into entry upon filing the Request for Continued Examination herewith.

By way of this Amendment, Applicant is canceling claim 8. Claims 11-19 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 17 is amended to remove the dependency of canceled claim 8. Claims 18 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

In order to provide more varied protection, Applicant adds claim 20. Claim 20 is clearly supported throughout the specification and is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 11.

Independent claim 11, among a number of unique features, recites: “a process for creating a file recording a command for controlling the printer when it is determined that the print processor can control transfer to the printer in accordance with printing data created by the computer; and a process for creating data, which include information for specifying said file, separately from said file.”

In an exemplary, non-limiting embodiment, the system processes commands during printing. More specifically, in order to promptly process a print canceling command or the like given during processing of the print data, the control command is to be recorded in a file which is different from a file which stores printing data. It will be appreciated that the foregoing remarks relate to the invention in a general sense, the remarks are not necessarily limitative of

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any claims and are intended only to help the Examiner better understand the distinguishing aspects of the claims mentioned above.

In Sato, the print data is the actual data being printed. That is, Sato does not disclose or suggest these unique features of claim 11 quoted-above. Mochizuki does not cure the deficient disclosure of Sato. Mochizuki only discloses link information being stored separately from the print data (Fig. 7 and 8). However, this link information is not a command for controlling the printer. In other words, Mochizuki does not disclose or suggest a file recording a command for controlling the printer.

Accordingly, “a process for creating a file recording a command for controlling the printer when it is determined that the print processor can control transfer to the printer in accordance with printing data created by the computer; and a process for creating data, which include information for specifying said file, separately from said file,” as set forth in claim 11 is not disclosed or suggested by Sato and Mochizuki, which lack having a file recording a command for controlling the printer separately from the file that stores the printing data. Together, the combined disclosure of these references could not have and would not have suggested the unique features of claim 11. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of claim 11 and its dependent claim 12.

Independent claims 13, 14, and 16 recite features similar to, although not necessarily coextensive with, the features argued above with respect to claim 11. Therefore, arguments presented with respect to claim 11 are respectfully submitted to apply with equal force here. For

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at least substantially analogous exemplary reasons, therefore, independent claims 13, 14, and 16 are patentable over the combined disclosure of Sato and Mochizuki.

Claims 15 and 17 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 8, 11, or 14.

Entry and Consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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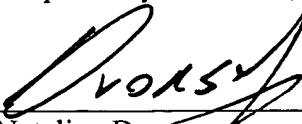
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